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Subject: Public Notice WT Docket No. 07-230

I was notified by Boat US today that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensing system considers all maritime mobile service identity (MMSI) FCC numbers "INVALID" when issued by Boat US.

The Boat US is our best advocate for boater safety in the United States of America. Boat US free online FCC MMSI number system for the Global Marine Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) is very easy to use and update when necessary.

The U.S. Coast Guard has officially acknowledged the FCC MMSI numbers issued by Boat U.S. on behalf of the recreational boat owners using GMDSS equipment.

The GMDSS system which is monitored and supported by the U.S. Coast Guard is the most effective safety equipment available to all boaters.

We object to FCC's Public Notice 07-230 regarding the additional expense for acquiring the same MMSI number directly from the FCC and reprogramming my GMDSS system in my recreational boat.

We are hopeful that the FCC and other organizations can work together to find a way for existing MMSI data to be imputed into FCC's system.

Sincerely,

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